Hello all,

Hearing praise coming from every where of how great of a job you guys are doing on the front lines. Keep hearing about other departments and residency's shying away from this disaster and you are all running into the fire.

Based on the happenings around the city we may be in for a surge this week and definitely are getting to capacity. That means please keep lines of communication open about needs in the ED, patient care issues, resident well being- physical and mental. If you don't get the answers you think are appropriate reach out to me in real time.

A couple of updates:

-The national guard and other federal agencies have arrived in Brooklyn. They will be bringing personnel and supplies. Along with their help, the admin is using other supply chains to obtain PPE, pulse ox and vents. Most important if you have issues with PPE please let me know.

-KCH has centralized COVID testing call backs in the lab. This means we do not have to do it anymore but the downside is they are not screening for and contacting personnel who had contact. This should be less of an issue now as we should all assume every patient is a PUI and wear PPE. But if you are interested in a patients test result either follow up on your own or if you would like to send me the MR I will track it.

-In order to aid in ED throughput we will now be able to DC patients regardless of their registration status in EPIC.

-In KCH the processes to cohort and off load admitted patients will include using the Pediatric waiting room and re-opening Obs. These processes are being ironed out in the next day or so but this will likely mean we will need resident coverage for the Obs unit again.